

INNER SOUTH COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, 4TH JULY, 2023

PRESENT: Councillor M Iqbal in the Chair

Councillors S Burke, E Carlisle, W Dixon,
A Maloney, E Pogson-Golden, A Scopes
and P Wray

1 **Appeals Against Refusal of Inspection of Documents**

There were no appeals.

2 **Exempt Information - Possible Exclusion of the Press and Public**

There was no exempt information.

3 **Late Items**

There were no formal late items, however, there was supplementary information submitted in relation to item 8 – Update Report and Item 9 – Finance Report, which had been circulated to Members prior to the meeting:

- Supplementary Information - Agenda Item 8 Update Report & Agenda Item 9 Finance Report
- Supplementary Information - Agenda Item 9 Finance Report
- Supplementary Information - Agenda item 9 - Finance Report (2)

4 **Declaration of Interests**

In Relation to Agenda Item 9, the Inner South Community Committee Finance Report, Councillor E Carlisle declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in relation to *'The Big Bike Fix Leeds 2023 (part of LS-TEN)'* Wellbeing Funding application due to his role as co-ordinator for the Big Bike Fix Leeds initiative, which was the applicant for the funding. Cllr Carlisle and left the meeting before the determination of this application and took no part in the decision making. Details of this application were available at point 38 on page 49 of the report.

5 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor G Almass.

6 **Minutes**

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 1 March 2023 be confirmed as a correct record.

7 **Open Forum**

In accordance with the Community Committee Procedure Rules, the Chair allowed a period of up to 10 minutes for members of the public to make representations or ask questions within the terms of reference of the Community Committee.

The following was discussed:

Football Club (FC) United of Leeds

Two members of Middleton FC attended the Committee Meeting and outlined their intentions for the club to achieve a semi-professional standard and re-brand as the FC United of Leeds, with South Leeds Stadium to be utilised as their home ground. A Wellbeing Funding application had been submitted for determination by the Committee, with details of the application available at *'Inner South Community Committee 4th July 2023 Supplementary Pack Item 9 – Inner South Community Committee Finance Report (2)'*. Middleton FC had been in existence for 6 years and was currently graded as part of the Step 7 League and if promoted would achieve semi-professional status; this would be the first semi-professional team for South Leeds. Partnership work with Leeds United was ongoing with proposed connections between the teams for future FC United of Leeds players to be released to Leeds United first team and the aim was to promote football across all demographics in the city rather than to compete against other teams. Middleton FC Under 23's team had recently won their league and a junior team and women's team were planned to be developed as part of the transformation.

In response to questions from Members to those making a deputization, the following was discussed:

- The difference between FC United of Leeds and other local teams was noted as, development of a new pathway for young people to start a career in football with the ability to play semi-professionally, and the unique selling point, that sets Middleton FC apart from other local teams, was that they were just one step away from semi-professional status and thus worth the investment to improve football provision for the local community for both players and fans.
- As the Leeds United Development Centre was located in North Leeds, Members noted it to be positive to develop provision for high standard football in South Leeds. Pitches were graded by the Football Association (FA) and had confirmed South Leeds Stadium to have appropriate facilities and capacity for a semi-professional team.
- South Leeds Stadium would be utilised to provide an equal level of facility provision for all with the development of a juniors and women's team and would promote equality, diversity, inclusion and be representative of the local community.
- Mark Henry, a Chairman for Yorkshire Amateurs football, was involved in the proposals and was noted to have appropriate experience, contacts and operational knowledge for FC United of Leeds to succeed.
- If the Wellbeing funding was not granted the project would not stop and alternative funding would be sought, however, it was noted that Council funding would secure a partnership and a good working relationship in aid of the community.

The social implications the re-branding would entail were outlined as, the charitable arm of the club would set up events on a voluntary and donation basis with equipment and licensed coaches running free sessions, as well as taking younger people on trips to other high level football facilities round the country.

8 Inner South Community Committee - Update Report

Minutes approved at the meeting
held on Wednesday, 6th September, 2023

The report of the Head of Locality Partnerships brought Member's attention to an update of the work in which the Communities Team was engaged in based on priorities identified by the Community Committee. It also provided opportunities for further questioning or to request a more detailed report on a particular issue.

The Localities Officer presented the report, and the following was outlined and agreed:

- For the Sub-Group nominations, Cllr W Dixon was to replace previous Cllr P Truswell on the Environmental & Community Safety Sub-Group; all other appointments were to remain the same. All Committee Members were encouraged to attend the three Sub-Groups with invites to be extended to all Members.
- An updated figure was provided for point 11 on page 18 of the agenda pack to reflect that four people had secured a position via the community employment event and further events were planned to follow.
- The CCTV update was available at page 26 of the agenda pack, Public Health update at pages 27-32, Community Engagement information at pages 33-35 and the Social Media update at Appendix 1.

Inspector Mark Gamlyn and Sergeant Daniel Wilson, West Yorkshire Police (WYP) Officers, attended the meeting and provided the Committee with an update, outlining the following information:

- Inspector Mark Gamlyn was the new Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) Inspector for Leeds south and had been in post for 3 months, he was new to neighbourhood policing policy and apologised for having not met with all Members prior to the meeting due to public orders work that he had been allocated to for a 5-day test cricket match at Headingley Stadium.
- Background context for crime statistics was outlined and the data from June 2023 had been provided to Members as part of '*Supplementary Information - Agenda Item 8 Update Report & Agenda Item 9 Finance Report*'
- Positive data was noted as a 40% reduction in motor vehicle deaths, no vehicle thefts for Middleton Park, vehicle theft had decreased in Beeston and Holbeck and burglary and incidents of hate statistics for the Inner South had fallen by nearly 50%. Robberies had largely remained the same to previous data.
- Leeds as a whole had seen an increase in overall reporting of crime with the previous average of 150 live calls within Leeds at a given time up to 400.
- The emergency response team were dealing with incidents constantly, with these incidents being the priority for WYP and Police Constables (PC) were more frequently sent to deal with the increased volume of reported crimes, as opposed to emergency response officers.
- Further consideration as to why the increased reporting of crime in South Leeds was not proportionate to the data showing decreased crime statistics was needed, with further data needed to track trends.

- Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) was a priority for the area with the 'Day of Action' initiative noted to have been a success. ASB was difficult for Police with the increased number of quad bikes and off-road bikes and the varying level of nuisance to serious crime they caused. Although not a criticism of those reporting crime, it was noted, more information regarding what quantified a criminal offence and what can be reported to the Council's responsible authorities was required, such as noise complaints to the Environmental Protection Team.
- Between 20 and 30 vehicles had been seized over the previous few weeks, with investigations ongoing to determine how many of the vehicles were illegal and stemmed from the same riders or drivers. Traffic Polices will be utilised where appropriate.
- Trap houses and their associated ASB and criminal organisation were an ongoing problem for the area. Images had circulated on social media of 2 individuals being arrested and charged in the area, which although positive, the infrastructure of the criminal organisations will likely replace the 2 drug dealers and trap houses should be understood through levels of production, supply and dealing.
- Policing trap houses required many WYP departments to wait, detect and take out the entirety of a drug dealing operation and faith in the end goal of this Police work by the public was stressed. Evidence was required to obtain warrants and closure orders, with cuckooing (where people take over a, often vulnerable person's home and use the property to facilitate exploitation) noted to be harder to address. Multiple access warrants were effective in accessing multiple, often linked, suspected trap houses.
- The 'Day of Action' was noted to be the best use of recourses and partnership between WYP departments the Council to address common crimes within the locality, especially given the effect of budget constraints.

In response to questions from Members, the following points were discussed:

- Inspector Mark Gamlyn had been called for the public order work at Headingley Stadium due to the specific requirements of the operation as a Bronze Level Commander and issues had been raised by the England and Wales Cricket Board for this event. This required him to be outside of his role as NPT for South Leeds for 5 days, including rest days.
- Community intelligence and the trust required in the Police by the public was stressed as integral to Police perception and results. Frustrations from the public regarding not receiving feedback on their reports was understood, however, all information will be processed, and utilised and regular updates were normally only provided for victims of crime.
- Although crimes can be reported online anonymously, providing a name, address and phone number can assist with logging complaints and receiving updates and also in identifying false or spam reports. It was noted, Ward Members can communicate to their constituents, what, how and where is it best to report a crime.

- Reassurance was given that WYP take all reports and evidence into consideration, particularly finding dash cam footage to be of use.
- As evidence is required for a conviction, crime can occur locally, and it can feel like nothing is being done by the local community. It was noted that if more people report the same crime further investigation will be conducted. Visible Police patrols made a good crime deterrent but had been limited due to resource constraint.
- A request was made for crime prevention advice, to not leave valuables on view in cars, to be displayed around the Victoria Riverside area in the Hunslet and Riverside ward where there had been cars broken into. WYP Officers noted these types of crimes co-occur and fluctuated with the arrest and release of prolific thieves and the ring doorbell systems had been useful in providing evidence to convict such people.

The Committee extended thanks to the WYP Officers for their attendance and the meeting and their continued hard work despite increased service demand and budget constraints.

RESOLVED – That the contents of the report, along with Members comments, be noted.

9 Inner South Community Committee - Finance Report

The report of the Head of Locality Partnerships provided the Community Committee with an update on the budget position for the Wellbeing Fund, Youth Activity Fund, Capital Budget as well as the Community Infrastructure Levy Budget for 2023/24.

The Localities Officer presented the report.

Members were requested to approve the minimum conditions set out at Paragraph 14 of the submitted report, determine applications as listed in the report and were provided with the following information:

- The minimum conditions Paragraph 14 were outlined, seeking agreement from the Committee. In presenting the report, the Localities Officer recommended the Committee's approval of an addition to the Committee's 'Minimum Conditions', so that if a formal objection is received from a Member as part of the associated consultation process, then that application will be brought before the committee for determination'
- The Wellbeing budget had received an injection of £157,165 which worked out at £52,388 per ward. The breakdown of the Wellbeing revenue for 2023/24 was available at page 44 in table 1 of the report.
- Details for the Wellbeing ringfences were available at point 22 on page 45 of the report.
- Tables 3 & 4 at page 52 of the report detailed Small Grants and Skips budgets. The Capital Budget was detailed in table 5 at page 53 with a further injection to follow. The CIL budget was detailed at table 6 on page 53, with a forward planning injection also to follow.

- A correction to the total cost figure was noted for the 'Beeston & Holbeck Christmas lights' project for it to read £8,713 and not £6,852.

During consideration of the funding application, the following was discussed:

- For 'The Big Bike Fix Leeds 2023' application, Members outlined it should be conditioned that the provision was to be for Inner South Leeds residents and various charities involved. A rigorous paper trail and formal signing sheet was noted to be part of the process for conducting any works.
- Success for the 'The Big Bike Fix Leeds 2023' project was to be evaluated and monitored, unused funds may be deferred, and funds should be used as acceptable volunteer expense, in line with HMRC rules.
- The funding for 'The Big Bike Fix Leeds 2023' would be split between Beeston and Holbeck and Hunslet and Riverside wards only, the percentage split will be based on percentage usage data from previous years, and it was noted that with funding rejected by Middleton Park, the event would limit provision to residents in Beeston and Holbeck and Hunslet and Riverside wards only.
- Information was sought on the 'Middleton Park Out of Schools programme' application and it was noted, 238 families were involved with the Inner South Youth Service, and 249 young people had benefited from the programme in the previous year. The funding would also assist with safeguarding requirements. Members also inquired on the hours and type of activities proposed.
- Two people part of the 'FC United of Leeds' project attended the meeting and outlined positive work in aid of engaging with refugees and asylum seekers through kit, equipment and training provision. Members were enthusiastic for the organisation of a women's team as part of the proposals, with one attendee noting experience in coaching women's teams for over 3 years.
- Sustainable future funding for 'FC United of Leeds' would be sought through grants, sponsors, donations and revenue streams. Senior Council Officers in Active Leeds had been consulted with and developed a business case plan, a key condition of the project was a 2-to-3-year lease with South Leeds Stadium. Money would also be used to assist with the stadium's pitch improvements.
- Members outlined that South Leeds Stadium was underused and was in a good location for residents in all 3 wards to utilise and would benefit those from low socio-economic backgrounds and ethnic minorities through the various engagement programmes.
- Partnerships had been established with the Hunslet Foundation, involving 19 local schools, including referral from public health, so 'FC United of Leeds' would not aim to be in competition with other local teams and would raise the level of provision for the area as a whole.

RESOLVED –

1. That the Minimum Conditions, as set out in the submitted report at paragraph 14 be approved, subject to the inclusion of the additional condition, as set out above – that if a formal objection is received from a Member as part

of the consultation process, then that application will be brought before the committee for determination.

2. That details of the change regarding the administration of small grants (paragraph 15), be noted.

3. That details of the Wellbeing Budget position (Table 1) be noted.

4. That funding proposals as detailed in the report for consideration, be determined as follows:

Project Title	Ward	Amount	Decision
Skating through Summer at Holbeck Moor	Beeston & Holbeck	£1,485	Approved
Summer Activity Programme for older adults in Beeston	Beeston & Holbeck and Hunslet & Riverside	£2,200 (£1,100 B&H and £1,100 H&R)	Rejected
Replacement defibrillator Rowland Road	Hunslet & Riverside	£1,368	Approved
Festive Lights for Hunslet Carr 2023	Hunslet & Riverside	£4,274	Approved
New litter bin – Path by Broomfield School	Middleton Park	£249.01	Approved
Beeston & Holbeck Christmas lights	Beeston & Holbeck	£8,713	Approved
Cardinal Square Activity Day	Beeston & Holbeck	£1,950	Approved
Hunslet Activity Day – Hunslet Recreation Ground, Church Street	Hunslet & Riverside	£950	Approved
Waverly Garth Fencing	Hunslet & Riverside	£1,951	Approved
Woodhouse Hill Place	Hunslet & Riverside	£2,227.73	Approved
Hemmingway Garth – Gate Installation	Hunslet & Riverside	£568.85	Approved
Vertical Notice Board for Community Information	Hunslet & Riverside	£1,650	Approved
CCTV Cameras	Beeston & Holbeck and Hunslet &	£6,000 (B&H £4,000 and H&R £2,000)	Approved

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	Riverside		
The Big Bike Fix Leeds 2023 (part of LS-TEN)	Beeston & Holbeck, Hunslet & Riverside and Middleton Park	£4,150	Approved (MP rejected)
Cross Flatts park – sport court line markings	Beeston & Holbeck and Hunslet & Riverside	£3,194.20 (B&H £1,597.20 and H&R £1,597.20)	Approved
Middleton Park Activity Days 2023	Middleton Park	£3,300	Approved
Middleton Park Out of Schools programme	Middleton Park	£5,436.67	Approved
Beeston & Holbeck Out of Schools programme	Beeston & Holbeck	£5,436.67	Approved
FC United of Leeds	Beeston & Holbeck, Hunslet & Riverside and Middleton Park	£10,000	Approved

5. That details of the projects approved via Delegated Decision (paragraph 39), be noted.
6. That monitoring information of its funded projects (paragraph 41) be noted.
7. That details of the Youth Activities Fund position (Table 2) be noted.
8. That details of the Small Grants Budget (Table 3) be noted.
9. That details of the Community Skips Budget (Table 4) be noted.
10. That details of the Capital Budget (Table 5) be noted.
11. That details of the Community Infrastructure Levy Budget (Table 6) be noted.

(Further to Minute No. 4 above, during the consideration of this report, having previously declared a DPI in the 'Big Bike Fix Leeds 2023' application, prior to this application being considered, Cllr Carlisle left the meeting room and returned when deliberations on that matter had concluded)

10 Community Committee Youth Summit/Youth Activity Fund Consultation Report

The report of the Head of Locality Partnerships provided an update on the outcomes from the Youth Activity Fund consultation which had been undertaken with children and young people, and arising from the results of that consultation, proposals for the priorities of the programme in 2023/24.

The Localities Officer Presented the report, noting the following:

- The Children's and Families Sub had recently held face to face events for young people.

- Points 15 to 21 from page 59 of the report outlined reflections from the Youth Summits/Youth Activity Fund Consultation.
- The Youth Activity Fund Consultation 2022/23 document was attached at appendix 1.

Members were informed of the Youth Activity Fund consultation during the update report and forthcoming Youth Summit; Members praised the previous Youth Summit for its positive engagement and results.

RESOLVED – That the following be noted:

1. Reflections from the last 12 months (paragraphs 16 – 32).
2. Details of the Youth Activity Fund consultation survey (paragraphs 36 - 38).
3. That the Youth Activity Fund survey informed the Community Committee's Youth Activity Fund for 2023/24.
4. That any projects funded by the Community Committee from the Youth Activity Fund focused on the themes and activity priorities identified in the Youth Activity Fund Consultation Survey in 2023/24.

11 Community Committee Appointments 2023/2024

The report of the City Solicitor asked Members to note the appointment of Councillor M Iqbal as Chair of the Inner South Community Committee for the 2023/24 Municipal year and also invited nominations to appointments for Outside Bodies, Housing Advisory Panels, Local Care Partnerships and Cluster Partnerships. Nominations were also sought for the Corporate Parenting Board and for the themed Community Committee Champion roles.

The Governance Services Officer presented the report, noting, the 2022/23 schedule was available at point 6 on page 68 of the report.

The following was discussed:

- Councillor S Burke noted she had been in liaison with Middleton Elderly Aid and would be stepping down as the appointee to that outside body. Councillor E Pogson-Golden nominated herself to adopt this appointment.
- The Employment, Skill and Welfare Champion appointment was vacant, however, Members discussed whether appointing this Champion was necessary for the Committee. An intention to invite Officers from this department to bring a formal item to the Inner South Community Committee to discuss the appointment and the aims of the department, particularly in light of the refresh of the Inclusive Growth Strategy as it was developed for 2018-2023. Cllr W Dixon noted interest in the appointment should the Committee deem in appropriate after the formal item is brought forward.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the appointment of Councillor Mohammad Iqbal as Chair of the Inner South Community Committee for the 2023/24 Municipal Year be noted.
- (2) That the following appointments be made for the 2023/24 Municipal Year:

Organisation / Outside Body		No. of Places	Appointee(s)
Outside Bodies	Belle Isle Senior Action	1	S Burke (Middleton Park)
	Middleton Elderly Aid	1	E Pogson-Golden (Middleton Park)
	Belle Isle Tenant Management Organisation (BITMO)	2	S Burke (Middleton Park) W Dixon (Middleton Park)
Children's Services Clusters	Beeston, Cottingley & Middleton	1	G Almass (Beeston & Holbeck)
	Joint Extended Schools & Services (JESS)	3	E Carlisle (Hunslet & Riverside) A Scopes (Beeston & Holbeck) E Pogson-Golden (Middleton Park)
Inner South Local Housing Advisory Panel		3	A Maloney (Beeston & Holbeck) P Wray (Hunslet & Riverside) W Dixon (Middleton Park)
Local Care Partnerships	Middleton & Beeston	1	S Burke (Middleton Park)
	(Armley LCP) Bramley, Wortley & Middleton	1	S Burke (Middleton Park)
Champions	'Environment & Community Safety'	1	M Iqbal (Hunslet & Riverside)
	'Children's Services'	1	G Almass (Beeston & Holbeck)
	'Employment, Skills & Welfare'	1	Vacancy
	'Health, Wellbeing & Adult Social	1	S Burke (Middleton Park)

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	Care'		
Corporate Parenting Board		1	G Almass (Beeston & Holbeck)

12 Date and Time of Next Meeting

RESOLVED – That the date and time of the next meeting as Wednesday, 6th September 2023 at 1.00pm, be noted.